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Biographical Form of William Carroll Latta, Branch One, 1850-1935

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Men of Mark in Indiana

To aid in the preparation of a biographical sketch for "Men of Mark in Indiana," please fill in replies to the following questions, writing very distinctly, and being especially careful as to dates and the spelling of names of persons and places. If space on this sheet is insufficient please give additional information on a separate sheet.

1. Name in full, including full middle name.
William Carroll Latta.
2. Place and date of your birth. City or Town.
Near La Porte. County. La Porte. State. Indiana.
Year. 1850. Month. March. Day. 9th.
3. Name of your father. Robert Seegar Latta.
4. Name of your mother. Mary Latta, nee Mary Tumbleson.
5. Profession or occupation of your father.
Farmer.
6. Public offices held by him. None.
7. His marked characteristics. A very modest man, a general master, an evenist Bible Student.
8. Names of your earliest known ancestors in America, from what country they emigrated, with time and place of their settlement in this country, and for what distinguished. Three Latta brothers came from the north of Ireland to Maryland. My

father's ancestors were Scotch Irish.

9. Your physical condition, special tastes and interests in childhood and youth. Physical condition good—not robust. Special tastes level toward religion and educational work. Am especially interested in the education of the boys and girls of the farm.

10. Was your early life passed in a city, in a village, or in the country? Born in country early years spent there. Lived in town about two yrs. Moved to country again about age of 10 & grew to manhood there.

11. In early life did you have regular tasks which involved manual labor? From 10 to about 18 I lived & worked on a farm doing the work incident to clearing up a farm in timber land.

12. What difficulties, if any, did you have to overcome in acquiring an education? From what college, technical school or university, were you graduated, with date and degree, if any? Paid my own way through college which I entered at the age

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Editorial

One of the most controversial ideas in Latta genealogy is the origin of the family in America. The never before published interview with William Carroll Latta gives his opinion that three Latta brothers came to America. Sue Lattea Cox informed me of a chapter from the book History of Decatur County, Iowa (Original 1915, Reprinted 2000 by Brookhaven Press, LaCrosse, WI, J. M. Howell and H. C. Smith, editors). In that book, John L. Latta, also of Branch 1, and a distant cousin of Professor Latta, stated that the Latta Family is descended from French Huguenots, who fled to Ireland. From there his ancestor William Latta came to Pennsylvania in the 17th Century. Alan D. Latta writes in this newsletter that the Latta Family came to Ireland via the Spanish Armada. I hope to find more information about the origins of the Latta Family, and publish it here for you to consider. And I encourage our readers to keep searching for our origins and connections.

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Revised List of Branch Captains

Another goal of our Latta Family is to find a branch captain for every branch of the Latta Family. Unfortunately, we do not have a Captain for every Branch. We could use some more volunteers. If interested, please contact Sue Lattea Cox, Branch 17, Coordinator of Branch Captains. The duties of a branch captain were spelled out in issue 17, Summer 2002. Here is a revised list of our branch captains, with names and addresses.

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REPORT PERIOD FROM 12/16/03 through 3/31/04:

COMBINED FUNDS BALANCE as of 12/15/04:		\$ 3,542.84
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 905.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$2,637.84	
Income 12/16/03 through 3/31/04:		\$ 1,658.15
N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND – no donors	\$ 00.00	
GENERAL FUND – 77 donors	\$1,618.15	
REFUND from Domain Registry of America-cancelled	\$ 40.00	
Expenses 12/16/03 through 3/31/04		(\$ 920.50)
Newsletter editor- reimburse exp. issue #21 & nsltr copies	\$ 799.76 ¹	
Internet Valueweb- Latta.org website connection fee	\$ 79.80	
Reimburse treas. – purchase paper	\$ 5.94	
Latta.org domain name registry renewal 2004-2005 ²	\$ 35.00	

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N. IRELAND RESEARCH FUND BALANCE	\$ 905.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 3,375.49 ³	

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William Carroll Latta

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of 24. Graduated from the Michigan Agril College near Lansing 1877. Degree BS.

13. At what institution and in what years did you take a course of professional study and what degrees were earned? In 1872 or 3 spent 8 months at Holbrook Normal Lebanon O. Did not take a degree then.

14. Please name the books, or the special lines of reading, which you found most helpful in fitting you for your work in life. The Bible and the various works on Agriculture.

15. Honorary degrees you have received, with name of institution and date received. Received a 2nd degree M.S. from Mich Agril College in 1882. This was not honorary but obtained by additional study at college.

16. Married. Yes. To Alta E. Wood. Day July 10th. Month. July. Year. 1879. Number of children born to you. Four. Number now living. All.

17. When, where and in what capacity did you begin the active work of life? In 1882 at Purdue University; Lafayette, Ind.

18. What principally determined the choice of your occupation or profession? My education at an Agricultural College.

19. Please state the relative strength of influence (a) of home; (b) of school; (c) of early companionship; (d) of private study; (e) of contact with men in active life, upon your own success in life. (a) (b) & (d) & (e) specially important. I also owe much to the Sunday School and church.

20. What has been your business, or your professional work? What positions have you held, and with what institutions or corporations? (Please give places and dates.) Instructor in Agr. 1882. Prof. Of Agr. Since 1883. Supt. Farmers' Institutes since 1889.

21. Give political, civil, or ecclesiastical offices, or positions held, with dates of appointment or election, and the term of service in each. None except that I am a member of the official Board of our church.

22. Have you ever seen military or naval service? If so in what capacity, and for what length of

Time? No.

23. Titles of books you have written, with date of publication. None.

24. Works of art, inventions, scientific investigations or discovery. None.

25. Of what prominent fraternities, societies or clubs are you a member, and what official positions, if any, you hold or have held in such societies? Am a member of the Masonic fraternity, of the Patoons of Husbandry and of the Good Templars. Not at present affiliated with any of these.

26. With what political party are you identified? Chiefly the Republicans.

27. If you have ever changed your political or party allegiance, do you care to say upon what issue or issues? I usually vote a scratcher ticket, chiefly Republican, but sometimes containing names of democrats and prohibition candidates.

28. With what (a) religious denomination, or (b) ethical society, or (c) philosophical movement are you affiliated? Am a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church of Lafayette Ind.

29. What has been, and what now is, the sport, amusement, form of exercise or mode of relaxation which you enjoy and find helpful? Walking, visiting the country, travel.

30. From your own experience and observation will you offer any suggestion to young Americans, as to the principles, methods and habits which you believe will contribute most to the strengthening of sound ideals in our American life, and will most help young people to attain true success in life? Be true to the ideals of the home and school.

31. Please enclose newspaper clippings, or refer us to articles in magazines or reviews in which reference is made to your life, to your character, or your work. Believe I have not been written up to any extent.

Your Post-Office address is:

Town or City. Lafayette.

Street and Number. 1016 First Street, West Lafayette.

County. Tippecanoe.

State. Indiana.

Date. April 30. Month and Day. Thirtieth 1906.

Signed. Wm. C. Latta.

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Please send your reply promptly, in the enclosed stamped envelope, addressed to Professor James Albert Woodburn, Ph. D., Editor-in-Chief "Men of Mark in Indiana," Bloomington, Indiana.

"BLACKLEG" OF THE FAMILY

- Branch 46-

By Sue Lattea Cox, Latteacox@aol.com

Many of us have a black sheep in the family, but few of us can say that we have a "blackleg" in the family. In researching my own family tree, I have a William Latta, son of John Latta, who disappeared from Huntington County, Pennsylvania. John's sons supposedly "went west," so I decided to search on www.google.com and see if I could find anything on a William Latta. In searching the results, I came across several William Lattas, but one in particular caught my attention. In the History of Copley, Ohio, I came across an interesting article about a William Latta of Bath, Ohio. The history stated: "The busy commercial activities in Montrose are not really all that new. Also called Ellis Corners or Latta's Corners, Montrose has a long history of business. When it was Latta's Corners, a tavern keeper William Latta actually was chiefly interested in counterfeiting and his hotel became a hangout for the gang of dandies he was in cahoots with." In the 1820's with the commerce developing from the opening of the Ohio canal, a man by the name of James Brown formed a counterfeiting ring, "the blacklegs," in the Akron, Ohio area. Historian Samuel A. Lane, Sheriff of Akron, Ohio, and editor of The Buzzard wrote under the pen name of "Jedediah Brownhead, Esq.," in 1825, about James Brown and his followers - "for your own protection, you should note the stature of the men who have taken up storekeeping in the little neighboring town of Boston. They are.....William Latta of Bath...these men are counterfeiters; and on a vast and damaging scale."

Finding this interesting, I started searching for "William Latta" and "counterfeiter." I came across an article on The Life and Death of McGregor McDougale, aka Gregor McDougale, or Blackhawk. Mr. McDougale was originally from Ontario, Canada, but had fallen into the band of counterfeiters in Ohio and New York. He had been arrested in Ligonier, Indiana, by the Noble County "Regulators," and gave his confession before the committee before his hanging. He stated that:

"I then went to Chemung County, NY where I fell in company with one Sherman Mallett, and with our wives came to Burr Oak, Michigan, and there met with Wm. Latta. Bought a place opposite, and stayed there several weeks repairing the place. Mallett hired a horse at a livery stable and drive to Port Mitchell; broke open a store, and stolen a lot of silk goods and kid gloves; he put in an overcoat and started for home, but lost a piece near the tamarack; took rest to Latta's. About six weeks after Latta came, and proposed to John McDougale, Sherman Mallett and myself that he would furnish us with some counterfeit money if we would get some goods."

Mr. McDougale and the men broken into another store and stole dry goods and "sold a part to Latta."

I noted that William Latta must have moved from Bath, Ohio to Michigan, so I began looking at the Branches to see which branch he might be from. I noted in Branch 46 that Moses Latta of Westmoreland, PA, had moved to the Bath, Ohio area, and that some of his children had gone on to Michigan. I sent out an inquiry to The Latta Newsletter and received a reply from Barbara R. Smith of West Valley City, Utah. She had information on Moses Latta, that he had died in Medina, Ohio, and that his son, William Latta, was Administrator of his estate. This was in 1825. Moses Latta and his family came to Bath in 1810. Barbara had information on the whole family, which I have added to the Branch 46 notes. We felt that since William was Administrator of the Estate and was listed in the census, that he was the oldest son of Moses Latta and Rachel Todd. Moses and Rachel had 4 sons and 7 daughters in the 1820 census and William showed up in the 1830 census. Looking at the Branch 46 notes, I noted that several of William's

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sisters married in Branch County, Michigan. Barbara also enclosed a history of DeKalb County, Indiana which mentioned the notorious "blacklegs" counterfeit ring as being in Noble County, Indiana. Apparently, William was an early settler and built a saw mill in Orange township in 1836. It later became a hangout to the blacklegs. Looking at the 1850 census for DeKalb County, I found William Latta, age 40, male, farmer, born in PA. His wife was Eliza, age 37, born in PA. His children were Christiana, age 12, Lydia, age 10, Joseph T. H., age 6, and Catharine Cidelia, age 3.

Mr. Abram F. Beecher, one of the early settlers, tells of an account in which he tangled with William Latta. A friend of his, Dr. Pink was living in Hamilton, and the "blacklegs" of Noble County stole his horse.

"Mr. Beecher and a Willard Eddy started on horseback for the Tamarack House to look for the horse. Although they did not find the animal, they did find about a dozen of the most noted blacklegs in a barn, distributing their counterfeit money to their runners. They had quite a pile of it. Beecher made a lunge among them, grabbed a lot of their money, and started to run away; but Latta, their President, knocked him down, and they got all the paper back. It was certainly lucky that the two did not get hurt. They went to a Justice to take law, but the Justice was either one of the gang or afraid of his life or property. It was about that time that several barns were burned in Noble County by the blacklegs. Pity Beecher's strength had not be equal to his noble courage. Pink went out to look for his horse, but got nothing but a severe raw-hiding from Latta for his trouble and his horse. I myself have lost about \$200 by the same gang of villains. This Belle Fountain road was one of the principal routes leading to their nest."

I began searching for a history of Noble County, Indiana, and came across an article on Auburn and Vicinity. Since I have not received permission to print the article from the writers, I will shorten the story for you. If you would like to read the whole account, you can find it at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~indekalb/other/auburn.html>.

The time was 1863 and the Civil War was in full swing. Many young men in the Noble County area were enlisted in the war and several had returned to the area as deserters. As it happened, "Capt. Latta," deputy provost marshal of the district, helped round up deserters and return them to duty. The following story tells about the night of August 17, 1863, when Captain Latta, while proceeding to arrest a deserter named Odell at the home of his mother in Fairfield township, was shot dead by the soldier who then fled and escaped a hot pursuit.

Latta had a bad reputation to begin with, and this made his work all the more disagreeable to the people in the area. He had, whether justly or not, the reputation of being connected with the gang of horse thieves, counterfeiters, etc., that had for years infested Noble and adjoining counties. D. Z. Hoffman, of Noble County, described Latta as a man of great strength, he remembered him well, having seen him often. In Auburn, in 1863, Latta was very active in looking up deserters and such. Mr. Latta had been trying to catch some deserters and suggested to a Mr. Houser of Auburn that he should get up a party and have a dance at some convenient place. This was about a week or ten days before his murder. Mr. Latta had figured on the young boys who were deserters coming to the party, and thus he could find them. The dance was scheduled and "Latta came with the rest, coming over from headquarters at Kendallville, having a woman in the buggy with him. It was later learned that she was one of the tough characters that swarmed about the then military headquarters at Kendallville." Mr. Houser borrowed Latta's buggy to go after a girl in the area, and on his return found the party broke up and nothing doing in that line, and Latta had a boy by the name of Hewitt handcuffed. The people soon disbursed and Latta left in his rig, with the prisoner and woman, and proceeded alone, across the road, to arrest Odell.

"He knocked at the door and Mrs. Odell got up, lighted a lamp, and without dressing asked what was wanted. Latta asked if "Jim" was at home, and was told he was. He told her to have him get up and come out as he wanted to see him. As Mrs. Odell hesitated, Latta broke open the door, forced

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his way into the house, and started for the stairway, as Mrs. Odell had told him her son was upstairs. Odell himself had heard the trouble, and realized what was wanted, jumped out of bed, got his revolver and stood at the head of the stairs. He warned Latta not to come up, as he would surely kill him. But Latta's blood was up, and springing forward, he reached about the middle of the stairs when Odell fired. The aim was deadly, for the bullet struck his heart. With an exclamation "I am shot!" he stepped down on the floor, put the lamp, which he had wrested from Mrs. Odell as he came in, down on the table, walked to the door, then out into the yard several steps toward the gate, then fell dead."

The woman in the buggy took the handcuffs off of the prisoner, and Latta's body was put into the rig and taken across to Buchanan's, where it was cared for, and return to Kendallville the next morning. "But Odell was never seen again. It is apparent, too, that Latta's tough character made the people care much less about punishing his slayer, than they would had he been a decent man."

Spanish Armada Lattas?

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Recently I received an E-mail from a man here in Toronto who wanted to know what I could say about the name Latta. He had an aunt in England who had been married to a Latta, and she was interested in genealogy. I replied and told him what I knew, most of which, since I belong to Branch 9, was based on F. F. Latta's history of our branch. I added that I had once been told by a colleague in linguistics that Latta was a Cornish name, but that I had been unable to find any evidence for that. My own theory, based solely on the form of the name, was that Latta might have been Baltic originally, perhaps Estonian or Finnish, before turning up in Scotland.

I then received a letter from the aunt in England, thanking me for the information, and relating what she knew. Her husband's family tradition held that the Lattas had come to the west coast of Scotland on a Spanish Armada galleon, shipwrecked in Tobermory Bay. This I doubted (F. F. Latta had mentioned the Armada theory and had rejected it); however I was intrigued when she added that she and her husband had been on vacation years ago in Corunna, Spain, the port from which the Armada had left, when the hotel manager told them that the Mayor wished to see them. Why? Because of the name Latta, he said. They visited with the Mayor, who told them that a Latta had been on one of the galleons, an officer, as she recalls, and that the Mayor encouraged them to consult relevant documents in Madrid. Unfortunately, they did not have time to do that.

My curiosity aroused, I read a couple of books about the Spanish Armada. They seemed at first to strengthen my doubts: the Armada, after having battled the English fleet and another round of vicious storms, sailed on up the English Channel and then north along the east coast of Scotland, around the north of Scotland and Ireland, and then south along the west coast of Ireland (losing a number of ships in the process), on their way back to Spain. Given that route, how would a galleon have wound up on the west coast of Scotland?

A third Armada book provided the answer: it referred to a ship known usually as the San Juan de Sicilia. This ship had suffered severe damage and was limping along with the rest of the Armada, north of Scotland, when the captain decided there was no way they would make it to the west coast of Ireland--so he turned south, into the islands along the west coast of Scotland, looking for shelter from the raging storms. He found it in Tobermory Bay, near the Isle of Mull. The author of the study referred to a book about the ship by Alison McLeay, *The Tobermory Treasure*. Its focus is underwater archaeology, the attempts to salvage the galleon or its reputed treasure, but it also provides very interesting historical material.

When the San Juan de Sicilia anchored in Tobermory Bay, it was quickly noted by Lachlan Mor

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Maclean, the local clan leader, based in nearby Duart Castle. He met with the Spaniards and offered them food and supplies of all kinds, providing they would help him: he wished to engage 100 of their well-armed soldiers to help him in his ongoing fights with other local clans, especially the Macdonalds. They agreed, and Maclean mounted a number of successful attacks. In early November, though, the galleon suddenly exploded (whether by accident or English sabotage is still disputed), killing all but about 15 men on board. However the 100 Spanish soldiers were out on a raid at the time, and they also survived. Maclean kept them on for the better part of a year, utilizing them in various ways, before they were allowed to return to Spain, via Edinburgh. There is apparently some evidence, however, that not all did return; some preferred to stay in Scotland.

This could very well explain the presence of the Lattas in western Scotland. However there is more to the story. The San Juan de Sicilia was not a Spanish ship; it was originally Ragusan, i.e. from the city of Dubrovnik, in Croatia. When it put in to a port in Sicily, it was commandeered by Philip II for use in his Armada. According to McLeay, it carried a crew of 63 Ragusans, as well as 135 soldiers in a Sicilian regiment, 54 in a Flanders regiment, and 90 in the Indian Guard. Whether the soldiers were all ethnic Spaniards is not clear.

I have no "smoking gun" as yet; however it now seems very plausible that at least one group of Lattas may have arrived in Scotland via the Spanish Armada. They may have been Spaniards, or they may have been of some other ethnicity, since Philip II reigned over a fair part of Europe at the time. Interestingly, there was a note in the Latta Genealogy Newsletter #2, p. 7, attesting the existence of a Croatian form of our name, as well: Lattas. If anyone happens to be in Madrid or in Simancas Castle in northern Spain (which is where McLeay says the Armada documents are housed), or in Dubrovnik, they might want to take a look into the official records. A scholarly work on the Armada often cited is that by Cesareo Fernandez Duro, *La Armada*

Invencible, two volumes, published in Madrid in 1884-85; if anyone has access to that, and can read Spanish, check what he says about the San Juan de Sicilia.

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Canadian Census

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Canada does indeed conduct a regular Census -- the first of which was that of New France conducted in 1666 by Intendent Jean Talon. Since that time Census has been conducted on a regular (?) basis. The first National Census of Canada was conducted in 1871 and National Censuses were conducted every ten years thereafter (on years ending with '1'). For some time Agricultural Censuses for specific areas were conducted on years ending in '6'. From 1906 there was a special Census of the North Western Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, also taken every ten years (Alberta and Saskatchewan became Provinces in 1905). Starting in 1956 the two Censuses were combined into a single National Census that has since been collected every five years (as opposed to every ten years in the US).

The 1901 Census of Canada has been online for a few years now, and thanks to the efforts of the

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Canada Census Committee, on 24 January 2003, the 1906 Special Census of the North Western Provinces was also placed online. Links to these online databases, and other databases useful to genealogists, are available through the Canadian Genealogy Center website at http://cgc-ccg.archives.ca/01/0102_e.html. Other information regarding Census records can be found on the National Archives website at http://www.archives.ca/02/02020205_e.html#Dates%20of%20Census.

Be aware that while some genealogy societies have been indexing these Censuses for their specific areas, the National Archives have not indexed the records and so they are not searchable by family name. They are searchable by location. A visit to the National Archives database for Post Offices and Postmasters at http://www.archives.ca/02/020109_e.html is very helpful in determining range and township numbers to use in searching the Census databases.

A history of Canadian Census is available on the Statistics Canada website at <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/Info/history.cfm>.

Canadian legislation provides for the release of personal information collected via Census to be made available for purposes of research 92 years after collection. That availability, however, is contingent upon the records being under the care and control of the National Archives. However, since this legislation came into effect in 1980-1983, Canada's Chief Statistician has refused to turn care and control of Post 1901 Census records over to the National Archivist, thus effectively circumventing the legislation that would allow access to these vital records. Unless efforts of the Canada Census Committee to see changes made are successful, we may not see any further Census records for Canada released -- online or otherwise.

For further information regarding efforts of the Canada Census Committee to regain public access to Historic Census records in Canada please visit <http://globalgenealogy.com/Census>.

Introducing Branch # 53

By: Alex Latta, Branch # 16, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, allatta@gambit.ab.ca.

The beginning of this story was in 1977 while my wife, Alice, and I were visiting Churchtown, Parish of Taughboyne, in an effort to find evidence of my family's existence in the area. I had already checked the phone book, and determined that no Lattas lived in the vicinity.

I drove up to the parking area in front of the Church of Ireland, adjacent to the Sexton's house. When I knocked on the door of the house, I was greeted by a plump lady with a lovely smile. I introduced myself, and said I was looking for any grave marker that might be evidence of my family's existence. To my great surprise, she said that her name was Nan Latta, and she knew where the tombstones were that I was seeking. There were nine Lattas living in this little house. It was most fortuitous that I met Nan and her husband Robert, and their seven children. After Robert passed away at Christmas, 1981, Nan had my wife and I stay with her in the Sexton's House while doing our "Poking around." I have been privileged to watch their children grow up, get married, and raise their families.

Several years had passed and I had completed their family record for them. Then I received an e-mail from Mrs. Shirley Joy of Australia. She had completed the family record for her daughter's husband, Ian Latta. The head of this family was Andrew Latta, who had emigrated to Australia about 1870. His records showed that he was born at Castlethird, (Churchtown), Taughboyne Parish. Mrs. Joy wanted me to tell her what the "Castle" looked like at Castlethird, and possibly send her a picture.

Unfortunately, the townlands that had the word "Castle" attached were rarely castles. What was considered a castle in those days was an area that was fortified with a strong wall which enclosed a courtyard that could be defended. The main house was usually part of this wall.

Mrs. Joy gave me all the details of Andrew Latta's family, which included the names of his

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Introducing Branch #53

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parents. For some reason, Andrew's birth was not recorded in the church records, but his siblings were. Because of this I had not made what should have been a obvious connection. Is it possible that Andrew used a middle name?

In the meantime, I met John Latta while we were both visiting his sister in New Buildings, near Londonderry. He told me that his brother William had said that John Latta of Drumherville was their cousin. This could be the connection to Branch # 3. I had already made the connection to John of Drumherville to Thomas Latta and his two sisters, of Roosky, near Newtown-Cunningham, whose father was Nathan Latta, son of the said John. Thomas Latta and his two sisters had no offspring. All of these people, with the exception of Margaret Latta Elliot of Newbuildings, have passed away.

There are cousins of this family living in Londonderry and Antrim. All Lattas living in the north of Ireland are the same family.

A complete record of Branch #53, as I have it today, follows.

1 - Unknown #1 Latta.**2 John Latta, about 1800 -**

+ Margaret Rogers, about 1805 -

3 James Latta, 1832-1911**3 John Latta, 1833 -**

+ Mary Johnston

4 Robert Latta, 1867-1893.**4 John Nathaniel Latta, 1870-1938.****5 Ellen Latta, -1984.****5 Thomas John Latta, 1900-1983.****5 Anne Jane Latta, 1903-****3 Jane Latta, 1833-****3 William Latta, 1833-1915.**

+ Jane Logan, about 1835-

4 Mary Jane Latta, 1864-**4 Elizabeth Frances Latta, 1865-1879.****4 Margaret Latta, 1872-**

+ David Parke

5 Margaret Parke, 1909-**4 Thomas Latta 1876-1948.**

+ Sarah Millar, -1947.

5 Sarah Jane Latta**5 Robert Latta, 1916-****5 Thomas Albert Latta, 1916-1970.****6 Norma Latta****6 Robert Thomas Latta****6 William Latta****4 John Latta, 1877-1907.****4 Robert Latta, 1882-**

+ Margaret Orr, 1886-1942.

5 Robert Latta, 1907-1961.

+ Annie McBride, -1991.

6 Robert Latta**6 Christine Latta****6 Leslie Latta****6 Jacqueline Latta****6 Jean Latta****6 John Latta****6 Sandra Latta****5 William Latta, 1907-1968.**

+ Constance May Cleverly, 1911-1988.

6 Margaret Jane Latta, 1936-1937.**6 Robert Latta****6 William Latta****5 John Latta, 1915-****6 Robert Latta****6 David A. Latta****3 Andrew Latta, 1837-1909, went to Australia.**

+ Annie Louise Lancaster Ellis, 1847-1925.

4 Margaret Latta, 1868-**4 John Latta, 1870-****4 Elizabeth Latta, 1871-****4 Margaret Latta, 1872-****4 Louisa Latta, 1874-****4 Emilie Latta, 1879-****4 Joseph William Latta, 1881-1961.**

+ Myrtle Muriel Tretise, 188-1959.

5 Elsie May Latta, 1913-**5 Andrew Rowland Latta, 1914-****5 Fred Latta, 1916-1983.**

+ Yvonne Elizabeth Reid, 1916-1988.

6 Gregory John Latta**6 Grant Latta****6 Ian James Latta****5 Avis Latta, 1918-****5 Joyce Latta, 1918-****5 Nancy Latta, 1920-****4 Catherine Latta, 1885-****4 Annie Latta, 1887-****3 Elizabeth Latta, 1845-**

Cemetery Records From the Latta, Ontario, Canada Area

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I have photos of all the Latta head stones (I think) in the Latta, Ontario, Canada area. Most if not all will be from branch 13. If anyone is interested I would be more than happy to scan and email or print and mail a copy. If you see a number next to the name, it means I have a photo.

LATTA Family (#)=# on photo of head stones
I have on file.

Belleville, Cemetery Records

Grave # 2 Interment - Aug,12,1919-----John
Dennis Latta *

Grave # 1 Interment - Apr 9,1931-----
Osgoode S. Latta
Grave # 3 Interment - Aug,11,1906-----E.G.
Latta

Grave # 4 Interment - June,18,1903----Herbert
Latta

Grave # 5 Interment - Aug 5,1907-----
Josephine Latta
Grave # 6 Interment - Sept 10,1915----Ruth A.
Latta

Plot P-4-7 Folio D 741 Owner=John Latta

Belleville Cemetery Records

Grave # 4 Interment - Sept27,29---George Latta

Grave # 1 Interment - Jan 27, 36---Ernest Pear-
sall

Grave # 2 Interment - July17, 45---Mrs. E.
Pearsall

Grave # 6 Interment - Dec 1, 58---Arthur Latta

Grave # 5 Interment - Mar 13, 62---Phoebe

Latta

Grave # 3 Interment - Feb. 3, 72---Grace Blyth

Plot C-3-11 Folio D 818 Owner=Mrs.

George Latta (6 Graves \$45.00 ea.)

Belleville Cemetery Records

Grave # 4 Interment - Mar 14, 55---Harry B
Thrasher

Grave # 6 Interment - Oct,1,55---Robert Wil-
liam Latta

Grave # 5 Interment - Aug 18,1989-----Emma
Tanner (no shell)

Plot D-8-10 Folio D 22 Owner=Harry
Blake Thrasher (3-Graves)

Headstones Belleville, Ontario, Canada, Route
2, Hastings County

Robert William Latta---1927-1955 >># 1
(Grandfather) Harry Blake Thrasher---1886-
1955
(Grandmother) Emma May Cragg (Tanner)---
1892-1989

John Dennis Latta---1844-1919 >># 2
*

(Wife) Josephine Norton---1855-1907
Osgoode S Latta---1880-1931 >>#
2 1½

(Wife) Edith A Holley---1882-1972

Gilburt Latta---No Dates

Ruth Latta---1915 (Baby)

George William Latta---1859-1929 >># 3

(Wife) Phoebe Etta Meyers---1867-1962 >>#
3 1¼

(?Son) Arthur Ernest Latta---1888-1958 >>#
3 1½

Victoria Cemetery Near Latta-Plainfield,
Hastings County, Canada

Robert Sullivan---1854-1923 >>#4
(Wife) Melissa Latta---1859-1937
(Son) Raymond Sullivan---1881-1940
(Wife) Edna J Sills---1904----

Albert Latta---1832-1908 >>#5
(Wife) Margaret A. Bell---1837-1916
William Latta---1869-1951
(Wife) Betha Vanalstine---1869-1956

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Canadian Cemetery Records

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Fred W Swain---1875-1952 >>#6
 (Wife) Margaret E Latta--- 1873-1934
 (Dau) Mabell (Latta) Wickens--- 1896-1950

 Frankie Latta Wife of U.S. Wilson ---1875-1910 >>#7

 Dorland L Shorey---1866-1936 >>#8
 (Wife) Lucretia A Latta---1863-1921

 Johnathan Latta---2,16,1862---5,4,1937 >>#9
 (Wife) Margaret M---11,8,1866---5,1,1949
 Ceacil Irene Latta---2,21,1896---11,18,1941
 Kenneth Harrison Latta---8,23,1900---5,14,1968

 Delbert Latta---1905-1977 >>#10
 (Wife) Valena M Thrasher---1909-
 (Dau) Joyce Darling Latta---

 L. Earl Wight---1898-1982 >># 11
 M. Irene Latta---1908-1919

 James Albert Latta---1878-1959
 (Wife) Elizabeth--- 1879-1965
 Clarence H Woods---1917-
 (Wife & Dau) Maryorie P Latta---1921-1984

 Joseph H Gow---1863-1952 >>#12
 (Wife) Ethel Latta---1883-1970
 (Dau) Betty Ilene---1925-

 Cemetery Road (Dirt Road) Off Rt 37 Near
 Latta-Plainfield, Hastings County

 Archibald Latta---1848-1919 >>#13
 (Wife) Maria Badgley---1852-1895

 (Son) Allan C Latta---1887-1965 >># 13 1/2
 (Wife) H. Gertrude Vandervoort---1889-1974
 (Dau) Miriam G Kenny---1911-1943

 James Brintnell---1839-1915 >>#14
 (Wife) Sarah Latta---1846-1873

***** (Erected By John & Annie) *****

 George Brintnell---1813-1889 >>#15
 (Wife) Elizabeth Latta---1814-1899
 (Son) Archibald Brintnell---1846-1910
 (Son) George Nelson Brintnell---1840-1919
 (Wife) Sarah Ann---1849-1928

 William Latta *---1801---7,16,1875 >>#16 *
 (Wife) Lucretia Brintnell---6,27,1811---5,12,1875

James O Or C Latta---1841---11,29,1893 >>#
 16 1/2

(Wife) Elizabeth---1841-1921

 James William Hamilton---1879-1956 >>#17
 (Wife) Elizabeth Jane Latta---1880-1953
 (Dau) Elsie Hamilton---1916-1991
 (Son In Law) Ralph Wilder---1912-1988

 George Hederson---1867-1955 >>#18
 (Wife) Elizabeth Latta---1869-1939

 George Latta---abt 1832---12,26,1892
 >>#19
 (Wife) Permelia (Latta)---1835-1908 >># 19 1

14

Miles Latta---1856-1917 >># 19 1/2
 Emily McMullen---1855-1923 >># 19 3/4

 William Latta---No Dates >>#20
 (Wife) Maggie Cooke--- 1864---5-17-1902

 Maggie Lena Latta---1882-5,14,1899 (17 yrs)
 Robert Latta---1878-1912 >>#21

 Josiah Latta ---1846-1911 >>#22

Mary Ann---1858-1943

Edmund Latta---1880-1961

Carman Gow---1907-1917 (10 Yrs)

This was on the other side of this stone; Hall

John Hall---1826-1902 (No Photo)

Mary Ann---1830-1912

 Franklin Sullivan---1864-1939 >>#23
 (Wife) Clara Latta---1867-5,24,1903

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John Brintnell---7-20-1843---9-6-1912 >>#24

Joanna Latta---2-19-1847---1-14-1940

Hugh Campbell---1851-1939 >>#25

Mary A Latta---1857-1913

Robert A Campbell---1880-1940

Anson Latta---1836-1903 >>#26

Mary Jane Brintnell---1841-1931

German G Horton---1875-1911 >>#27

(Wife) Minnie B Latta---1874-1954

Iva Mae---1912-

Stanley W Latta---1846-1925 >>#29

Hulda A Thrasher---1870-1960

Mary Ann Latta --- (Dau of W. Latta)--1851---
7-30-1852 (1 Yr, 2 Mo, 8 Day) >>#30

Town Campbellford, Ontario, Canada, Mt.
Pleasant Cemetery

Norman E Latta---1889-1952 (Mason) >># 31

(Wife) Eva May Dunn---1889-1970

Walter J Latta---1874-1932 >># 32

(Wife) Saddle E Coulson---1881-1941

Town of Tweed, Ontario, Canada:Wayne H.W. Latta---1935- <<Latta Mills On
the Back of the Stone >>#33

Karol A Kingston---1938-

James Cyril Latta---1901-1986

Jennie E Sexsmith---1902-

Town of ??? On Route 37 North of Latta-
Plainfield, Canada

Robert D McCamon---1858-1939 >>#34

Hattie Latta---1868-1935

Albany, New York Cemetery RecordsBy George Latta Sr, Branch 13, georgelat-
tasr@charter.netAs you can see I have records but no photos of
the Albany Cemetery.

Branch 13.

From: Albany Cemetery Association, Albany
Rural Cemetery, Albany, NY 12204. Cemetery Re-
cords.

John Latta -Tarrytown, NY--1821---6-3-1876

John Harris Latta -Albany--1846---11-4-1896

Frank Latta -Brocklyn, NY--1820---10-18-1891

Henry C Latta- Albany, NY--1850---6-23-1910

Anna Margaret Latta (Miss)- Bethlehem, NY--
1822---9-5-1910Anna M Latta (Miss)-Albany, NY---1865---8-
18-1925Ida H Latta (Miss)-Albany, NY----1861---2-24-
1923Ida Maria Stanton (Latta) (Mrs) Northville,
NY---1861---9-22-1954

Raymond Latta -Greenville, NY--1901---5-24-
1977Lillian Brady Latta-Athens, NY---1902---4-9-
1990

Marth E Latta -Clarksville, NY----1840---1-14-
1887David P Latta -Tarrytown, NY---1838---3-14-
1903Luella D Latta -Clarksville, NY---1867---8-28-
1915Harry C Latta -Clarksville, NY---1863---9-17-
1930Elvira E Ives Pelka Latta (Mrs) - Ticonderoga,
NY--1865---6-10-1954

Emma Mason Ostrom Latta (Mrs) - Albany,
NY--1847---3-21-1918

First Husband: Henry S Ostrom

2 nd Husband: David Latta

**"A Tie Between Us That
Time Cannot Sever":
The Latta Family Letters, 1855-1872**

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In 1869 Margaret Ann Latta Kelly wrote to her brother Eli Latta in California that she felt bound to him by "a tie between us that time cannot sever". It had been over twenty years since another brother, Bob, had left Arkansas for the West. Three others, Eli, Sam and Jack, joined him there in 1850, and of them, only Jack had returned. Yet the "tie" of which she spoke seemed as strong a family bond as it did an individual one, a tie which bound her brothers and sisters in spite of the long years apart. If this were true, it was a tie which must have been forged and strengthened during their younger days in South Carolina and Arkansas and which provided the glue for their adult years.

Their father, John Latta, prompted in part by the run-down condition of the land, but also eager to insulate his wife, Jane Starr, and their children from people whom he thought were consumed with habits of "idleness, drinking, gambling and more or less immoral, riotous living", moved his young family from South Carolina to Arkansas in the early 1830s. The date of their arrival at Vineyard, near Evansville, was either late 1832 or early 1833. Latta had apparently contemplated leaving South Carolina as early as 1825. Perhaps by 1828 or 1829, the family had moved to Tennessee where they lived for two or three years near Latta's brother, Samuel, who had been there since before 1820. While based in Tennessee, his family housed in covered wagons, John Latta made several exploratory trips into Arkansas Territory. These trips were probably intended to aid Latta in selecting land and in building a house before he moved his family. While they lived in Tennessee, the couple's ninth child, Eli, was born. About 1834, Samuel Latta, a widower since 1827, moved his seven

children from Tennessee to Arkansas where they lived near the John Lattas. In 1839, Latta acquired 80 acres of land in Vineyard and the following year he purchased an additional 160 acres adjacent to his 1839 purchase. By 1845 his holding had reached their maximum of 400 acres. If Latta held title to land before 1839, it is not indicated in the available abstract, plat, or deed records, nor is there indication that he paid real estate taxes before 1840. From the time of their arrival at Vineyard, Latta pursued his goal of creating a self-sufficient frontier family community on the land which he acquired. He developed his acreage both for farming and for general manufacturing purposes, intent upon his family and laborers producing all that they would need. If he hoped, however, that this settlement would protect and free his family from contaminating influences, while at the same time keeping the family unit intact and its members close together, his hopes were futile.

By terms of an 1835 treaty, the eastern United States Cherokee Indians were directed to resettle in the territory of northeastern Oklahoma. With the Cherokees' 1838 arrival, there also came "a cloud of those doubtful characters that have always been found upon the extreme frontiers of our civilized settlements". They were "runaways from every State in the Union" who collected along the Cherokee line. These doubtful characters, determined to "share" in newly acquired Cherokee riches, dealt liberally and indiscriminately in illegal but lucrative whiskey sales, setting up groceries, or saloons, which often spanned the Arkansas-Cherokee line. By moving from one side of the grocer to the other, offenders could easily escape the law from which ever side of the border it might appear. Murders, robberies, gambling, and prostitution soon became the order of the day, replacing the earlier years of peace and quiet. Located only a mile from the border, the Latta's immunity from such problems was impossible to maintain. As the incidence of lawlessness escalated, in concert with diminishing effectiveness of local law enforcement, several settlers, including Latta, formed a citizen's committee to

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“direct” investigations and punish criminals if apprehended.

Just as Latta was pulled into private law enforcement measures, he also found himself involved in Cherokee dealings with United States government officials. He had known some of the Cherokee chiefs in South Carolina and because of those past connections, the Cherokees sometimes consulted Latta in their negotiations. (The Alexanders and the Lattas, Washington County Historical Society Flashback, August, 1955) Latta's dream of escape and stability in a new world was in direct conflict with realities of the frontier. The conditions he sought to leave in South Carolina indeed must have paled in contrast to those which he and his family now faced.

Latta met these problems in part by increased attention to family education and religious training at home, and the letters suggest that religion remained an important part of the children's lives. Education, while received in uneven doses by the various Latta children, was viewed as essential to their full religious development. As a strict Cumberland Presbyterian, Latta insisted on family worship twice a day with all children and slaves present. Likewise, his church required that all persons dependent upon a member be instructed in reading the Scriptures. Regular evening lessons were held along with evening prayer. The family community survived and adapted to the early pressures, and in predictable form, the older children began to marry and establish their own household nearby as the younger ones grew up, probably oblivious to most of the problems around them. The first child to marry was Margaret Ann, who in 1839 married Eli Kelly, a saddler and Pennsylvania native, who was employed on the Latta farm. And at the same time, their father's stern religious presence and his determination to teach all the children to do their own work in independent fashion was, to some extent, offset by their mother's easier manner and her desire to help them out when possible.

Within ten years of their arrival at Vineyard, however, the first major break in the family occurred when the eldest child, Thomas Starr, died in

1842. Four years later, Bob left for the Mexican War and went on to California. By 1850 Sam, Jack, and Eli had also gone west in search of gold. In 1854 Jane Starr Latta died, and Mattie and Jim soon left home to work in the Indian Nation. Mattie married and moved to northern Texas, and in 1861, the Kellys followed.

The family community by then was permanently dissolved. Of the Latta brothers and sisters still near home in 1861, most had gone by 1872. Some of them enjoyed occasional visits during that time, but they communicated chiefly by letter. The following set of letters begins with Mattie's of 1855. Ten years and many other letters pass before this set resumes with those of Hattie's (Jim Latta's wife) report of the Civil War period and of John Latta's death in 1861. The subsequent letters concentrate on the turbulent years of postwar adjustment and family circumstances during that time, before the correspondence ends in 1872. While the family was never reunited, the letters do convey the sense that a deep bond, formed early, existed among them which neither years nor miles could permanently break.

LETTER 1

Evansville, Arkansas (March 4, 1855) (From references in her letter to the other West Coast-based brother, Eli, Andrew, and Sam, Mattie intended this letter for Robert Hall Latta.

My ever dear “Brother”,

If you have not forgotten that you have a sister “Mat”, but still occasionally bestow a thought upon me, you will not receive my present letter without a welcome, even such a welcome as I should bestow on any communication received from you. Now I am at loss to know what to say to you this time, for I have written so often and get so few letters in return, that I am almost out of heart, but now I think “may-be” they don't get all of our letters, if not they have the same room to think heard of me, so I have concluded to write again, and if I don't succeed this time in starting an answer I can only “try, try again”. I wish you would come home and save me of the trouble, I don't know how you can stay away so long, if I was at liberty to

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come and go as you are I know very well that nothing but "sickness or the means to go on" would have prevented me from seeing you so long "At all events"- I have concluded to try it away from home one year, if nothing happens, but I am not certain of it, there has been an offer made to me, and I am keen to take it up, it is this, to go to the "Chicasaw Nation", a Mishion to act as seamstress. We are not certain yet, that I will go, but if nothing happens, I am going, they give one hundred dollars per "year" and finds everything rooms furnished. If things were as they have been I had rather stay at home but as they now are I had rather go, all are willing except "Pa" - turn about is fair play is it not? and he has always had his own way. Now I think I may try it again, there is no way for a girl to make any thing here, unless they have some particular employment, such as teaching School", drawing and painting and I am not competent to do either of those, so I will "sew" - and when I stay there about two years, then I will have the means of my own, and I am going to South Carolina - You may think these are large calculations for my sort, but I dont care, You will say yes you are counting your "chickens before they are hatched" - shure enough I am. Well I am pretty good at building castles" in the air, to be blown hence never to "return" I hope it may not all be talk - but no mortal knows what will be my fate. People are well so far as I know, our folks are all well. Mr. Kelley's family is well; some times the little babes are sick but they are fat and sassy little brats as you ever saw, they are about eight months old, send names for them, as they are so sloe about it themselves, they have been talking about calling them Margaret" and Eli" - don't know whether they will or not, they have seven children living. I will give you their names, as you have been gon so long that you are rather behind the times. "Kate" and Crisie" (Kate and Crisie were Kelly's daughters, Catherine Jane and Lucretia) grow's very fast - that is, "Kate" does they are going to try to send her off to school next winter if they can spair her. "Cris" is a perfect weasle, but is as smart as a cricket - she can read very well, according to her practice and can learn

almost anything, when she was going to school she could get her heart lesson while she was playing Antny over, or Indian ball, she would carry her book in her hand and repeat a verse while she was running round the house, while "Kate" would be in the greates trouble about hers; sitting studying like a white head, they very often talk of you and wish you would come home. "Mary G" (probably Kelly's daughter Mollie) often ask's me if you look like me, I tell her that you have been gon so long that I dont know who you look like; she says well he dont care anything about us; he dont love us does he "Aunt Mat"? I tell her I dont know I recon so; Well he dont come to see us, when I love anybody I go to see them, I never saw him in my life. I wish I could see him, will he ever come home Aunt Mat"? Yes some time I recon. She said he might die and we'll never get to see him. This conversation took place one day when we were at home by ourselves she stays with me once and a while, would stay all the time if Marg could spare her. she has a mind the babies, "Bobie" (William Robert Kelly) was here this morning and he and "John Newton" (John Newton Kelly) spend a great deal of there time trap making, they will set there traps and lie down close by to see the birds throe them, "Newt" says if he had one of them birds he could set it on the trigger that would throe the trap; he is one of the bhoys if he sees me in company with any young men with whom he is acquainted, they may look out - for being Uncled" if he sees them any time soon, his Ma" was going to whip him one day when I was there, he said dont hit me "Ma" you'l hut me, if me hit you "Ma" and see if it dont hut, "Ma" when "Pap" hit me mit his sthap he made me just as warm, he was working to get his "Ma" to laugh, and then it is all right with him, he very often succeeds to - he is a great big fat boy large a plenty to ride up hereby himself, but he has been peted untill he is such a coward, that he is afraid of his shadow almost, I will tell you something about the rest of the little folks, but there is so many of them that it would be almost an endless job. This is Sunday morning, the Baptist have meeting at the schoolhouse today. Wish you was here to go with me for I will be a lone - there is

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only four of us at home, and they walke out somewhere and I am going to church. When I no company I make Filice or Mary (two of the Latta blacks) or some of the little black ones go with me, I dont know what I will do when they are gone Pa has been talking about selling them, but never said any thing about it at home. I suppose he told in the Nation that he had blacks for sail, when "Sis" and Will" (Sis was probably sister Margaret Ann Latta Kelly and Will was probably their brother William Ramsy Latta) heard it they were in a peck of trouble, for that was almost the last thing that Ma talked about to Pa - and beged him not to sell them if he could get round it - she often told me what she wanted done with them - and he knows very well that it was always her wish they should remain in the family - he has other property that he could dispose off if he would but I think he is determined to sell them the first chance - "Lizzie" and "Frank" (Lizzie was the younger sister Sarah Elizabeth, and Frank was the younger brother, Francis Marion) are at home now, but will soon be going back to school - that is at the Hill (Several schools had been established at nearby Canehill. Cane Hill Collegiate Institute and Cane Hill Female Seminary)

There is several of the Cane "Hill" girls married lately Mary Jane Spencer to Mr. Fuf of Fayetteville - Jane Morrow to Dr. Cancler of Missouri - Malind Russell to Mr. James Yates - Jane Hughs - up here you know all of them, the last one named to Bill Williams - Well I have a great many things that I would like to say to you but it will soon be time to go to meeting - if I get to go to the Chicasaw N. I will write to you from there, be shure and write - I wrote to Eli not long since tell him to write, we havent heard from Andrew in a long time accept it through Sam's letters. I have never got but four letters from him in the five years that is getting along - and not one line from Sam, We got a letter from Cous-John (Cous John may have been Mattie cousin John Leander Latta, son of her uncle Samuel Latta and his wife May Boyd Latta) the other day - all was well - I must close, please pardon all errors

and excuse this scribbling dont forget to write for I feel almost forsaken - write soon.

Your most affectiona - Sister Mat Latta

If you are never coming home I think you ought to be kind enough to send your degareotype - I mean both of you. Mr. - Linbarger was here not long since he could tell us a little about you.

Write soon and I will answer as soon as I can.

Yours ever,

Mat

Sue Lattea Cox, Lattaecox@aol.com, purchased this quarterly from E-Bay last year. She informs us that this Arkansas Latta family is Branch 9.

Book Review- The History of My Life and Work- Written by Rev. M.L. Latta

Reviewed by: Dorothy Wofford Witherspoon.

Below is the first in a series of articles I am writing as a review of the book by Rev. M.L. Latta, The History of My Life and Work. I want to first thank "cousin" Bob Latta for his graciousness and family spirit of sharing that allowed me to acquire an original copy of The History of My Life and Work by Rev. M.L. (Morgan London) Latta., A.M., D.D., originally published in 1903. You don't have to be an African American Latta descendant to appreciate the book by Rev. Latta for it speaks to the heart and soul of the reader.

To resolve my dilemma of trying to write one comprehensive review of such a magnificent book, I decided to write a series of articles, my reflections on the life and work of Rev. M.L.Latta, who was born a slave. The series of articles for the Latta Genealogy Newsletter will cover 1) the genealogy and family history of Rev. Latta, 2) his life as a slave, 3) his building of Latta University, 4) the Negro

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Book Review: The History of My Life and Work

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and the church/role of religion, and 5) a commentary on lessons in life from Rev. Latta and quotes from his own works.

The History of My Life and Work by Rev. M.L. Latta provides only a small amount of information on his genealogy and family history. Following is a summary of the information provided in his book:

- 1) He was born a slave in 1853 at Fishdam, on one of Cameron's Quarters, near Neuse River, about 25 miles from Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 2) His father died around 1860, when he was about seven years old.
- 3) He knew his father and his father knew how to read.
- 4) As a young boy, he lived on a large Cameron plantation that had several thousand slaves.
- 5) He had two brothers older than he.
- 6) Total number of brothers and sisters was twelve.
- 7) Shortly after the Civil War, his oldest brother drowned, leaving the responsibility of supporting the family on his shoulders.
- 8) He was hired out for several years for \$1.00 a week.
- 9) He was determined to get an education and entered college (Shaw University) with only ten cents in his pocket.
- 10) After he became a man, he married and bought a home in East Raleigh.
- 11) He also bought property in Durham, Raleigh, and Braggtown.
- 12) In later years, one of his brothers lived around Norfolk, Virginia.

The book provides just enough information to peak your curiosity and makes you realize that there is so much more to learn about the man. During Rev. Latta's day, "it was common belief and had been said by many, that it was almost impossible for a member of the Negro race to do anything, or accomplish anything." Rev. M.L. Latta set out

to prove them wrong and he did it with every fiber of his being. His greatest accomplishment was the establishment of Latta University in Raleigh, North Carolina..

I was so inspired by his life and work that I have begun research in census records to find out more about his genealogy and family history. He lived well into the 1920s, from what I can tell so far. He wife, Laura, was a former student of his, and was born around 1872. According to the 1910 Federal Census for Wake County, NC, she had birthed 11 children, with 10 still living as of 1910. So it is conceivable that some of his descendants are still around somewhere. Based on the 1920 census, some of his children followed in his footsteps of success with two daughters, Laura and Nellie being teachers, and two sons, Morgan Jr., and James being auto mechanics. I believe a third son, Jessie, also an auto mechanic, left North Carolina around 1920 and moved to Detroit Michigan to work in the automobile industry.

Just as some questions are being answered, so many more are left unanswered. How did Rev. Latta's father learn how to read? Was he a minister also? How did the family end up on Cameron plantation with several thousand slaves and what Latta family originally owned his family? What was the major industry for the area at that time and what types of crops did the Cameron plantation specialize in? What are the names of Rev. Latta's parents? What happened to his brothers and sisters and what became of them and their descendants?

As I continue with the review of Rev. Latta's book, I hope to be able to intersperse some research findings, perhaps even to find a lost descendant of Rev. M.L. Latta's. Dare I even dream of somehow connecting him with Major or John "Lottie", my Latta slave ancestors who were born in North Carolina around 1810 and 1840, respectively, and somehow ended up in Arkansas in the late 1860s.

Stay tuned for the next article. Note: An electronic copy of Rev. M.L. Latta's book can be found at: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/latta/latta.html#latta107> in case anyone would like to read it and share their input for a future review article. Smiles.

Book Review: In the Footsteps of Saint Baithin

By: Virginia Curulla, latta4gen@earthlink.net.

In The Footsteps of Saint Baithin: A History of the Parishes of Taughboyne With Craigadooish, All Saints, Newtowncunningham, Christ Church, Burt and Killea, Carrigans. By Cannon D.W.T. Crooks, M.A., B.D. Printed by The Donegal Democrat Ltd., Ballyshannon, Ireland. Price 5 pounds. (1992).

Alex Latta of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada purchased this book in 2001 from a used bookstore in Ireland. He donated it to our association, ultimately to be put in our archives.

The introduction to this history has a map of the parishes around the St. Johnston area, which is where Alex has found the origins of his Latta branch 16. Many of our other Scots-Irish Latta branches undoubtedly originate in Taughboyne and nearby parishes that trace their roots to the 1600s and beyond. The database for the Northern Ireland Research Project summarizes all that we can find regarding Lattas and allied families in Northern Ireland. This database has 231 entries for the Taughboyne/Diocese of Raphoe area in Donegal.

Latta families immigrated to Northern Ireland from Scotland during the early 1600s as part of the Ulster Plantation during the Jacobite period. Alex Latta has made many personal contacts in this region, seeking his family's history. Our Northern Ireland database has specific references to Lattas in Taughboyne, All Saints, and Killea, parishes. Alex has visited the old cemetery in St. Johnston, and found a number of Latta markers, including one memorial in the St. Johnston Church to a John Latta, weaver, in the 1600s.

The last two pages of the book list parish records and the years that they cover, as well as papers and manuscripts that were used in writing the parish histories. Churchwarden lists include Lattas and the names of other families who emigrated from Ireland to the colonies with them, such as Rankin, Porter, Patterson, Allison, and McNeely.

This book offers more detail about the church buildings and lists of those who served in those churches than most of us will find interesting. However, it is a good read for insight into the daily lives of our Scots-Irish ancestors as they revolved around the Presbyterian churches from the 1600s to 1992.

Latta All Branches Reunion 2005

Please take a minute to answer these few questions and return your responses as soon as you can. Current site #1 recommendation has been the Latta Plantation and would be held the end of July, 2005. The Latta Plantation is located in Huntersville, North Carolina. Huntersville is in Mecklenburg County, near Charlotte.

1. Your Name & Branch?
2. Approximate number attending?
3. Any special requirements that need to be considered?
4. Do you have any Reunion site suggestions?

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Thank you,

Ray E. Latta
Branch 13

For the readers' convenience, this questionnaire will also be printed on a separate page suitable for mailing.

Research Queries and Replies

Send your queries to the editor, Ken Mueller, 337 Gertrude Street, Elgin, Illinois 60123, Doc Huer@aol.com

For future Queries, the editor suggests that the contributor include both e-mail and snail mail addresses, as not all researchers have Internet access.

1. First I want to sincerely thank everyone on this list and those through the Latta Newsletter who send me snippets trying to help with my Lattas. For Sure, documented from the Latta Bible, census records, death certificates, etc. this is what I know. 1850 Census records in Georgia shows:

John Latty - age 26 (means he was born about 1824) Place of Birth - Tennessee

Francis - 22 (1828) Place of Birth - Tennessee

John 4 1846 Place of Birth - Georgia

Thomas 3 847 Place of Birth - Georgia

William 6/12 1849 Place of Birth - Georgia

Note: I think the John listed here is "possibly" the John Wesley that folks are trying to connect to my branch. If it is the same, as you can see, he is the brother of my Thomas, not his father.

Fleming Latta: 1850 Census - Georgia

There is a Fleming Latty listed - age 21, Senna Latty - age 26, Jennifer Latty age 5 and a John Latty age 2. - Says they were all born in Tennessee. Is it possible that Fleming and John are brothers?

Unfortunately, I cannot locate them in the 1860 Census. If any of you have the 1860 Census showing John and Frances (Fannie Conner), can you please share? Thanks much.

Now on to the 1870 Census. 1870 Census - Arkansas Latty, John - looks like his age is shown as 55? he is still a Farmer, Francis - age 42 -

In 1870 the older children are gone -----John, Thomas and William John would be 24, Thomas would be 23 and William would be 22...or close to those ages..

Children listed on the 1870 census.

James M (probably James Madison) age 17 - born in Georgia

Mary J age 15 born in Georgia

Sarah E age 12 born in Georgia (this is the Sarah that married into the Wittington family)

Martha E age 10 born in Arkansas (It is her baby that was buried alive)...note..it didn't die. Andrew J. age 8 born in Arkansas (this is "Doc" and the one tried for murder)

Margaret age 3 born in Arkansas

Rebecca F age 2 born in Arkansas

*Note- last four children were born in Arkansas

Any help or input on the above family is greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much. Connie Latta, Somesup@aol.com, Br. #52, So. Calif.

2. I have listed below the Latta/Latty, etc. individuals whom I have found in various census indexes in Tennessee in 1820 and 1830. I have looked at census records in Tennessee because my great grandfather, (Branch 22) Alexander W. (William?) Latta was born there 25 July 1827. His father, William W. (William?) Latta was in Gibson County TN at that time, as documented by court records. William's brothers, James, Harvey and Matthew all were in Gibson County TN during that period. William returned to Woodford/Franklin County Kentucky by 1833. His daughter, Mary Jane, was born there in 1834. Sometime later, Matthew and Harvey returned to Kentucky as well. This branch 22 James appeared to have stayed in Gibson County, although I have not found any death record for him and have not been able to trace his descendants (Matthew, Mary, Charles, and Catharine, born 1827 to 1833.) There would have been time between James's marriage in 1825 for an older son to have been born, who would have been out of the home by the 1850 census which named individuals in the household).

I think it's likely that the Lattas in Maury and Hickman Counties all were branch 9, although I haven't verified that. Perhaps someone in branch 9 knows.

Besides my branch 22 Lattas in Gibson County, and the Lattas in Maury and Hickman Counties, there were several other Lattas in the 1820 and 1830 census info for Tennessee. These were found in Williamson County, Henry County, and Davidson Counties.

Davidson County formed in 1783 from Washington) is just north of Williamson, and northeast from Maury and Hickman. Williamson County formed from Davidson 1799) is just south of Davidson, and adjacent to and NE of Hickman and Maury. Henry County formed from the "Western District" in 1821) is NW of Hickman and Maury, on the west side of the river that runs easterly through them. Henry is north east of Gibson County. Gibson County was formed in 1823 from the Western District.

1820 TN Census

Latta, John Maury One male < 45 Two females 16-26, One < 45

Latta, Martha Davidson 1 M 16-18, 1 M 16-26, 1 F 16-26, 1 F <45

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- Lathey, Samuel Maury (Branch 9?)
- Latty, Rachael Hickman (Branch 9?)
- Latty, William Maury (Branch 9?)
- In another index I found the following:
- Latta, Thomas Maury (Branch 9?)
- 1830 TN Census:
- Latta, James Gibson (Branch 22)
- Latta, Mary Gibson (Branch 22)
- Lattie, John H. Henry ?
- Lattie, Stephen Henry ?
- Latty, John Williamson (Branch 9?)
- Latty, John J. Maury (Branch 9?)
- Latty, Rachael Hickman (Branch 9?)
- Latty, Samuel Maury (Branch 9?)
- Latty, William Maury (Branch 9?)

I can verify that the Gibson County TN Lattas are branch 22. Can someone in branch 9 verify that those in Maury, Hickman, and Williamson all are branch 9?

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If so, it might be worth your time to investigate court records in Davidson and Henry Counties to look for **Latta/Latty** in records around 1828. If Branch 9 Cannot claim the John **Latty** in Williamson County, you might look there as well. Virginia **Curulla**, Treasurer, Branch 22, latta4gen@earthlink.net.

3. Here is the 1860 census for John and Frances **Latty**. White township, P.O. Star of the West, Pike, Arkansas M653 roll 47 page 524, DW/family # 596/596.

John **Latty**, age 35 years, WM farmer, born TN

Frances, age 30 WF born TN

Wilson, age 14 WM born GA

Thomas, age 12 WM born GA

William, age 10 years, WM, born GA

James, age 8 years, WM, born GA

Mary, age 6 years, WF born GA

Elender, age 3 years, WF born GA

Martha age 9 months, WF, born AR

Hope this helps, Cathi **Vannice**,
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4. Hi. I received the Latta Genealogy Newsletter today. Some good and interesting information. I am currently the custodian of my parents old photo albums. Many of the pictures that I have were taken in Denver and Colorado Springs area about 1900 during the years that my great grandfather, William Ray "Freck" **Latta** was in the area. In his book, Reminiscence of Pioneer Life, Freck mentions the name Will, which would be his son William Ray **Latta**. I have many old photos of Willaim Ray **Latta's** six sons and families.

Some time ago I made copies out of a 1903 Denver telephone directory. Robert H. **Latta**, attorney is listed in the directory and as Virginia **Curulla** pointed out, he had developed considerable information on the **Latta** families. There about are a dozen **Latta** names listed in the 1903 directory and I will mail a copy of this directly to Virginia **Curulla**, Kenneth A. **Mueller** and B. Mitchel **Latta**, the Branch #3 Captain, and perhaps we can identify them.

I also have many old photos of my grandmother, Daisy Marguerite "Pearl" (**Latta**) **Bryant**. Pearl married Willaim Ray (Will) **Latta** in Denver. Pearl's mother was listed in the 1903 phone book as Cora Belle **Day** and Cora Belle is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver. I have many old photos of the **Day** family in Denver around 1900. Does anyone want or need information on the **Day** family in Denver about 1900?

I am currently scanning the old photos to CD in order that I can share and provide pictures to persons that want them. Ideally I would like to copy the CD's to CD DVD. More later. Alan LeRoy **Latta**, Branch #3, AL-LATTA@aol.com.

5. I would like to submit a query to your Latta Newsletter. Researching the family of Mary **McCalla** Feb 1744 Philadelphia Co, PA - 22 Feb 1810 Chestnut Level, Lancaster Co, PA. She m on February 26, 1765 James **Latta** 1731 - 1801 in Deep Run, Bucks Co, PA Mary reportedly the dau of Capt Wm **McCalla** of Bucks Co, PA. Hal **McCawley**, 130 Beach Park, Foster City, CA 94404, 650-349-2805, HalMac@SBCGlobal.net.

6. I am looking to find out which branch Frank Lee **Latta** born 2-28-1897 comes from. He married Estelle **Cothran**. He was from the Durham, N.C. area. Thank you for your time. Anthony, adm-777@earthlink.net.

7. **Latta** Family Bible: Query, Felix **Latta** Jr and Gracie P. **McCuin**. Gracie Pearl **McCuin**, Ada, Okla. was married to Felix **Latta** Jr. of Porum, Oklahoma they were married in January 1918. Gracie P. (Graves is crossed out) **Latta** now. Ages... Gracie P. **McCuin** 19 years, Felix **Latta** Jr. 21 Years, Children of Felix **Latta** Jr., Gracie P. **Latta** are Lucille E. (**Latta**) **Johns** born June 4, 1920, Lillian (**Latta**) **Fuller**, born 29 September 1921, Margie Inez born April 25, 1927, Jerry Loletta was born November 12, 1928, 4 girls and 1 boy, Lesley Leroy **Latta** was born the 6th of November, 1934, at Ada, OK. Their father Felix **Latta**, Jr. died at Sulphur, OK. (Army Hospital) in Sulphur, OK. near Ada, OK. (Ponotoc Co.). He died in July, 1939. He worked for the railroad, Frisco tract in Ada, OK. His father was Felix **Latta**, a Cherokee Indian who lived in Porum, OK. Felix **Latta**, Sr., two sons, Felix **Latta** Jr. and Sam **Latta** (Bakersfield, Calif. who had 2 girls whom we believe died in, or around Bakersfield).

The info above was taken from the family bible and the spelling and info has been amended so it is easier to read. I have the original and will make it available to those who want it. I am Gloria Jean (East) **Knudsen**, the daughter of Lucille Elizabeth **Latta Johns** and Gracie P. **Latta** was my Grandmother. You may reach me at teamknudsen@comcast.net or by calling 1-209-576-8446.

8. Hi. I am looking for my great grand mother (Elizabeth) Jane Ann **Latta**. She married George or

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John Graham. They lived near Collingwood Ontario Canada. She died between 1930 & 35 in Collingwood hospital. She was from the **Latta Mills** family that came from near Belleville, Ontario. Any help would be great. Arnell, arnell.mcmillan@sympatico.ca.

9. For those tracing this line, here's Ellender (**Birchfield**) **Latta** (widow of Alexander), in the 1870 census, Cabin District, Spalding County, Georgia. M593/173, page 381; dwelling/family 570/571; page 381.

Ellen--? **Latta**, age 65, white female; keeping house; \$2,000 personal estate; born in South Carolina.

John W.(?) **Latta**, age 34, farm hand; born in South Carolina.

William T. **Latta**, age 31, farm hand; born in Georgia
Elijah **Latta**, (Eliza??) age 24; farm hand; born in Georgia.

Martha A. **Latta**, 22; farm hand; born in Georgia.

Charlie **McCullers**, age 31, male, white; railroad worker; born in Georgia.

Mary E. **McCullers**, age 28, female, white; farm hand; born in Georgia.

John W. **McCullers**, age 8, farm hand; born in Georgia.

Franklin A. **McCullers**, age 3, at home; born in Georgia.

Ben **McGhie**(?), age 40, black male, farm hand, born in South Carolina.

Susan **Phillips**, age 50, black female, farm hand, born in South Carolina.
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10. For those chasing this line, I just found Alexander **Latta** (branch 28) in the 1860 Census, Griffin, Africa District, Spalding County, Georgia, M653/136, page 233; dwelling/family 527/527; age 234.

Alexander **Latty**, age 61, white male; farmer, value of personal estate \$200; born in South Carolina.

Elender **Latty**, age 56, white female; born in South Carolina.

Jane **Latty**, age 24, white female; born in Georgia.

William T. **Latty**, age 21, white male; born in Georgia.

Mary **Latty**, age 18, white female; born in Georgia.

Eliza **Latty**, age 14, white female; born in Georgia.

Janette **Latty**, age 15, white female; born in Georgia.

Martha **Latty**, age 12, white female; born in Georgia.

My interest is his son Fleming Thompson **Latta**, who, in 1860, was in Arkansas. gkinard@sc.rr.com.

11. Looking for information for Julia (**Latta**) **Poole** born 1817/1818 in Pennsylvania, possibly Huntington County. Her family moved to West Virginia for a few years around 1830 then moved on to Monroe County, Ohio. Died in 1894. She married Joseph **Pool** or **Poole** around 1850 and may have moved on to Noble or Guernsey Counties in her later years. The children I have for them in the 1860 census in Center Twp of Monroe County were:

Richard, age 14

Eva Ann, age 12

John C, age 10

Gulia (spelling there) was 42 and Joseph was 43.

In the 1880 census Julia is 63 and there is no mention of her husband. Living with her are a daughter Christi Ann, age 33, and 2 grandchildren (Joseph H age 8 and Alvin E age 5). Wondering if Christi Ann is the same as Eva Ann? I also had that she had a daughter Catherine which did not appear in either the 1860 or 1880 censuses. I have no further information on any of the children or for her husband and his ancestry. I do have a lot to share about her parents' family (John and Anna **Hockenberry Latta**). Any help offered would certainly be appreciated. Hope someone has the time to get back to me. Betty, kitchen2@adelphia.net.

12. I am looking at the handwritten will (with the raised seal) of my gr gr grandfather John **Latta** (Branch 17) who died in Wayne Township of Monroe County, Ohio in 1865.

"Item fourth-----My other four children Samuel **Latta**, Julia A. **Pool**, Lucinda **Mercer**, George M. **Latta**, and also Hearriett S. **Latta** and Allice **Latta**, heirs of Abraham **Latta**, all of whom I here mention as having received all that I allow them to have of my estate."

Lucinda married Jeremiah **Mercer** and resided in Tyler Co, WV. From my interpretation of this Abraham would have been a deceased child of his (although originally I thought a brother whose children he cared for.) Recently I have found that when a child predeceases the writer of the will, that child's share goes on to the grandchildren, so now I think Abraham was a child. Although I have a lot of information on the other children as well as John Copeland **Latta** who was "bequeathed all my personal estate except . . ." and Sarah Jane **Nally** and Catharine **Morris** who each are bequeathed \$20. I can find nothing at all on Abraham, Heariatt and Allice.

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John was born about 1784 in Huntingdon Co., PA, married Anna **Hockenbury/berry** (can't find anything on her either), went to West Virginia somewhere between 1836 and 1844, stayed there for a short time then on to Monroe County, Ohio. He was not in the 1840 census of Monroe County, but was in the 1850, but by then most of the children were out of the house and John and Anna were in their early 60's.

John Copeland's obituary said he was born in Fairmount, WV. However information on the older children is that they were born in Huntingdon Co Pa (for George Madison, 1822) and some we just know PA (for Alucinda b 1821). I hope some of you have the time and patience to read through this. I know it's long. Sure would appreciate some help. Betty, kitchen2@adelphia.net.

13. Can anyone identify which branch this family is in? Betty, kitchen2@adelphia.net.

1860 Utica, Clark Co., IN - pg. 505, 103-103.

David **Latta** 35 Farmer \$2000/800 IN

Mary 40 KY

Eliza 13 KY

Richard 11 KY

Harriet 9 KY

Emma 7 KY

Laura 6 IN

Allice 4 IN

David 1 IN

William 62 PA

Ellen **Coby** 26 IN

Edward **Brown** 26 OH.

14. Can anyone help identify which branch of the Latta family this may be? George H. **Latta**, age 20 listed with my ggg grandparents in the 1880 census in Orbisonia, PA. He is listed as their nephew. My ggg grandfather was Silas **James** and he was married to Mary Elizabeth **Laughlin**. I have been wondering if George's mother was a sister to either of them. Do you have any **Lattas** married to a **James** or a **Laughlin**? Thanks, Steven **James**. No address given.

15. I am still searching for John James **Latta** b Feb 2 1823 Jackson Co. GA, d 1913 Confederate marker Cornith, Texas, married Mary **Rhodes**. 4 Children: (1) James John (or John James Jr) b 6/24/1855 Benton Co. AL; (2) Jutta b 1858 AL, m John **Ingram** 3/3/1873 Aniston, AL; (3) Sophrina b 20/11/1868 AL; (4) Ann Judson (maybe Jutta)..

James (or John Jr) John **Latta**, b 6/24/1855, d 5/25/1906 Spring Hill, TX, married Julia Ann **Ford** b 2/20/1862. 8th child of this union was James Earl **Latta**, b 1/1/1897 Paris, TX, d 7/31/1971, married Zora Izetta **Taylor** 12/23/1917 in Benwheeler, TX. benlindac@cox.net.

16. Included in an ancestor's Will of 1979 was \$1000 to Roberta **Latta** (Mrs. Earl **Thurman**) of Big Fork, Montana. Mercedes **Hoover Hensley**, Professor of Art at the University of Washington had no children and was a widow. She left various amounts of money to people. We wonder what their relationships were to Mercedes when she died in 1979 in Snohomish County, Washington. Thank you. Sandy **Watrous**, swatrous@maintainfit.com.

17. First I want to thank everyone who are trying to help me with my **Latta** lineage. I have a great, deep concern for the info on Branch #11. Does anyone have the birth date of Martha **Scott**? John was born in 1758...even if she was born 20 years later in 1778, she was too old to have some of these children. Many have tried to connect this to Branch #52 and I'm having a difficult time with the dates and making sense of the connections. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please, can someone document the information on this branch so I can see where Branch #52 connects? Thanks a lot. Connie **Latta**, mudpie3133@aol.com, Br. #52 Captain, El Monte, CA.

18. Hi Connie, I have a copy of the Application for Cherokee Citizenship for William **Latta**. Included are copies of the affidavits, etc. I received this information from Marty **Perez**. In one affidavit in Webbers Falls, Elizabeth **Tyner** says that she is the Aunt of William **Latty**. His grandparents were John **Latty** and Frances **Scott Latty**. John and Frances **Latty** were her parents. She says that her mother's maiden name was **Scott**. Her father was George **Scott** a well known and recognized Cherokee by blood who died near Chattanooga in Tenn. It says Francis **Latty** came to I.T. about 2 years after Elizabeth did which was 1850. Elizabeth says that her age is about 75 yrs (documented was dated August 1896.) I also found Frances **Latty** with her daughters Sarah, Lucinda, Margaret and Susan in McDonald County, Missouri in 1860. Francis was 70 and born in TN. They are surrounded by other **Latty** and **Tyner** families living in Buffalo and Pineville townships. I guess that means that her husband was 32 yrs. older so when he died he must have been over 90 and she was around 60. I hope this gives you something to start on.

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I am anxious to make the connection also. Thanks,
Donna Moore, Branch #52, Lubbock, Texas.

18. My name is Josephine **Manfredi**, and I live near Philadelphia, Pa. I have an old clipping (probably saved by my mother) of a poem entitled "The Little School Girl". The next line says "For the instructor by W. H. **Latta**". The poem begins "My name complete is Josephine, My friends all call me Joe" - this is the reason my mother saved it, I guess! I've always wondered who W. H. **Latta** was, and the only reference I have found is in a newspaper story from Linn County, Kansas of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs, Oscar **Shattuck**. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. **Latta** are listed as having given the couple a wedding gift of a set of silver nut picks! Can anyone reading this inquiry enlighten me as to the author of the poem? If so, I'll send you a copy of the poem for your family records! Sincerely, Josephine **Manfredi**,
imjosie@msn.com.

19. On the Index to Georgia Civil War Confederate Pension Files I found the following:

Latta, Mary E.R., wid of W.T. **Latta** of Co. A. 53rd GA, she filed Spalding Co. GA. W.T. serv Co A 53rd GA wits for Joseph G. **Doyal** of Spalding Co. GA. W.T. see as W.T. **Lotta** wits for S.B. **McWilliams** of Spalding Co. GA. W.T. serv Co A. 53rd GA see Mary E.R. **Latta** wid of Spalding Co GA.

Latty, A.T. serv Co D 37th GA see Rhoda **Latty** wd of Murray Co GA.

Alexander serv Co D 37th GA see Rhoda **Latty** wid of Franklin Co GA. C.O. serv Co D 7th GA he filed Hall Co. GA. Rhoda wid of A.T. **Latty** of Co D 37th GA her pen tfd from Franklin Co GA to Murray Co, GA. Rhoda wid of Alexander **Latty** of Co D 37th GA she fild in Franklin Co.

Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia:

Latty, James HAL 129
Latty, John JKS 339

Hope the above information can be used by someone on the list. If anyone wants a copy, please let me know. Connie **Latta**, mudpie3133@aol.com, Br. #52 Captain, So.Calif.

20. James **Latta** of Branch 12 (who established the **Latta** Plantation) married a Jane **Knox** in NC in 1796. Is she a relative of the **Knox** family earlier connected to Branch 16? Presumably this would make her a relative of General Henry **Knox**, prominent in the War of Independence. Keith **Latta**, Victoria, BC, Branch 13,
klatta@shaw.ca.

21. Hi, my name is Glenn **Latta** Jr. I was interested in my family name. My father Glenn **Latta** Sr. recently passed away and we were thinking of our family tree. He was born in Corwalville NY. His parents were Ralph **Latta** and Annott **Chamberlain Latta**. As far as I know my great-grandfather was a blacksmith in Athens, NY. If you have any info on our branch let me know. My address is 44 Cambray Dr. Gouverneur NY 13642,
qtcq@twcnv.rr.com.

22. I am interested in learning more about my maternal grandfather's family. I believe he was from North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia. I think he may have been somehow related to the Duke of **Durham** tobacco family but I am not sure how. I think he might have been partly Creek or Cherokee, again just not sure. His name was William Ira **Latta**. I think his mother and sister were named Eugenia. I think he was born in 1877. Thanks! Naomi **Pinson Armstrong**,
naomiruth@comcast.net.

23. I have sent the 1850 census records that I have found.

1850 Hamilton County, Tennessee

HH #609

William **Latty** 23 M TN

Susan 24 F TN

Mary 2 F TN

HH#495

Nancy **Latty** 42 F TN

Eliza 18 F TN

Sarah 15 ? F TN

James 12 M TN

HH#496

Lewis **Tinor** 53 M N Carolina

Mary 50 F TN

Lewis 22 M TN

Mary 20 F TN

Francis 17 F TN

Jesse 16 M TN

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HH# 497

Hiram Tinor		27	M	TN
Patsy	23	F	TN	
Eliza	6	F	TN	
Ruben	5	M	TN	
John	3	M	TN	
Lewis	1	M	TN	

HH#498

John Latta		92	M	S Carolina
Fanny	42	F	N Carolina	
Sarah	32	F	TN	
Lucinda		28	F	TN
Elizabeth		26	F	TN
Margaret		22	F	TN
Louiza	20	F	TN	
Jefferson		18	F	TN
James	3	M	TN	
Susan	7/12	F	TN	

HH#500

John Tinor		29	M	TN
Sarah	24	F	NC	

HH#614

Jane Latty (Lally)		38	F	SC
Mary	14	F	TN	
John	13	M	TN	
Thomas		11	M	TN
David	9	M	TN	
Elizabeth		8	F	TN
Carline	6	F	TN	
William		5	M	TN
George	2	M	TN	

I have found records for other years, but after discovering the changes to branch 11, I want to thin out what has already been published before sending along. I have a few questions that I thought you might ask other researchers regarding branch 11.

1. I guess it is now believed that Susan died and William died digging her grave. Does anyone know when William and Susan died?

2. I have copies of the Federal census for 1870 McDonald County, but I do not find Marjorie Caroline with William and Susan.

I have found differences between state and federal census before. Does anyone have access to state

census records? Is Marjorie listed in the state? Thanks, Suzanne Ross, 1050 West Ave., Apt. A, Eureka CA 95501.

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